Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 49790 American Water Operations and Maintenance, Inc. RN105671531 Docket No. 2015-0606-WQ-E

Order Type:

Findings Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

People or environmental receptors have been exposed to pollutants which exceed levels that are protective.

Media:

WQ

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

American Water Operations and Maintenance, located at the tributary of Clear Creek on Battalion Drive east of Wichita Drive, Fort Hood, Bell County

Type of Operation:

Wastewater collection system with an associated manhole

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: February 5, 2016

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$7,500

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$0 Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$7,500 **Total Due to General Revenue:** \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Conditional Offset: \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Satisfactory Site/RN - Satisfactory

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A Applicable Penalty Policy: April 2014

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: July 29, 2014 Date(s) of NOE(s): November 19, 2014

Violation Information

Failed to prevent the unauthorized discharge of sewage into or adjacent to water in the state [Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

By July 30, 2014, the Respondent submitted documentation verifying wastewater that was removed from the creek was properly disposed of; wastewater solids were vacuumed from the Site, affected areas were disinfected by spraying a bleach solution; and the broken tapping saddle was replaced with a full circle clamp.

Technical Requirements:

N/A

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A SOAH Referral Date: N/A Hearing Date(s): N/A

Settlement Date: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Had Darling, Enforcement Division,

Enforcement Team 1, MC 169, (512) 239-2520; Melissa Cordell, Enforcement Division,

MC 219, (512) 239-2483

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A

Respondent: Todd Duerr, Vice President, American Water Operations and Maintenance, Inc., 1025 Laurel Oak Road, Voorhees, New Jersey 08043

Sharon C. Cameron, President, American Water Operations and Maintenance, Inc.,

1025 Laurel Oak Road, Voorhees, New Jersey 08043

Respondent's Attorney: N/A

Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW) Policy Revision 4 (April 2014) PCW Revision March 26, 2014 Assigned 30-Jan-2015 Screening 30-Jan-2015 PCW 29-Oct-2015 **EPA Due** RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION Respondent American Water Operations and Maintenance, Inc. Reg. Ent. Ref. No. RN105671531 Facility/Site Region 9-Waco Major/Minor Source Minor CASE INFORMATION Enf./Case ID No. 49790 No. of Violations 1 Docket No. 2015-0606-WQ-E Media Program(s) Water Quality Order Type Findings Government/Non-Profit No Multi-Media Enf. Coordinator Had Darling EC's Team Enforcement Team 1 Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum Maximum \$25,000 Penalty Calculation Section TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) \$7,500 Subtotal 1 ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1 Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage. **Compliance History** 25.0% Enhancement Subtotals 2, 3, & 7 \$1,875 Notes Enhancement for one order without denial of liability. Culpability No 0.0% Enhancement Subtotal 4 \$0 The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria. Notes Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments Subtotal 5 -\$1,875 **Economic Benefit** 0.0% Enhancement* Subtotal 6 \$0 Total EB Amounts Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount Estimated Cost of Compliance SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 \$7,500 Final Subtotal OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE 0.0% \$0 Adjustment Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage

Final Penalty Amount

Final Assessed Penalty

Reduction Adjustment

0.0%

\$7,500

\$7,500

\$7,500

\$0

Notes

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PAYABLE PENALTY

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

Screening Date 30-Jan-2015

Docket No. 2015-0606-WQ-E

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014) PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Respondent American Water Operations and Maintenance, Inc.

Case ID No. 49790

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN105671531 Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Had Darling

Component	Number of	Enter Numbe	r Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	0		0%
	Other written NOVs	0		0%
	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	0		0%
Orders	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	1		25%
Judgments and Consent	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria)	0		0%
Decrees	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0		0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0		0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0		0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0		0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which violations were disclosed)	0		0%
	Ple	ase Enter Yes	or No	
	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No		0%
Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No		0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No		0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No		0%
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Satisfactory	Performer Adjustment Per	centage ((Subt	total 7)
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Compliance History Notes	Enhancement for one order without denial of liability.			

PCW	•	Screening Date
· Revision 4 (April 2014) Revision March 26, 2014	49790 PCW Revi. RN105671531 Water Quality Had Darling	Respondent Case ID No. Reg. Ent. Reference No. Media [Statute] Enf. Coordinator Violation Number
	Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1)	Rule Cite(s)
	Failed to prevent the unauthorized discharge of sewage into or adjacent to water in the state, as documented during an investigation conducted on July 29, 2014. Specifically, the bands securing a tapping saddle for an air release valve on a 14 inch force main failed, which resulted in an unauthorized discharge from a manhole of approximately 80,000 gallons of untreated wastewater into an unnamed tributary of Clear Creek on July 29, 2014, resulting in a fish kill of approximately 164 fish.	Violation Description
\$25,000	Base Penalty	
	ty and Human Health Matrix Harm	>> Environmental, Proper
	Major Moderate Minor	Release OR Actual
	Percent 30.0%	Potential
	Major Moderate Minor	>>Programmatic Matrix Falsification
	Percent 0.0%	
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	cceeded levels protective of the environment as a result of the violation.	1991 N 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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	weekly	
\$7,500	monthly x quarterly Violation Base Penalty	mark only one with an x
	semiannual annual	
	single event	
	event is recommended from the date the discharged occurred (July 29, 2014) to the	One monthly
	e discharge ceased and remediation activities were completed (July 30, 2014).	date the
\$1,875		Good Faith Efforts to Com
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	Ordinary x (mark with x)	
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-	Notes The Respondent achieved compliance on July 30, 2014.	
\$5,625	Notes The Respondent achieved compliance on July 30, 2014. Violation Subtotal	
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\$5,625 \$7,500	Violation Subtotal	Economic Benefit (EB) for Estimate

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Respondent	American Wat	er Operations and	l Maintenance,	inc.			
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Item Description	No commas or \$						
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Delayed Costs Equipment		I		0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal	\$7.500	29-Jul-2014	30-Jul-2014	0.00	\$1	n/a	\$1
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Notes for DELAYED costs	solids from th tapping saddle	ne Site; disinfect t e with a full circle	he affected are clamp. Date re is the	as by s quired date of	praying a solution is the date of the i compliance.	m the creek; vacuu of bleach; and repla inauthorized discha	ice the broken rge. Final date
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tion/Reporting/Sampling	 			0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Supplies/Equipment	h			0.00	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
E-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Notes for AVOIDED costs							

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Compliance History Report

PENDING Compliance History Report for CN603437039, RN105671531, Rating Year 2015 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2010, through August 31, 2015.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:	CN603437039, American and Maintenance, Inc.	Water Operations	Classification: S	ATISFACTORY	Rating	0.71	
Regulated Entity:	RN105671531, AMERICA OPERATIONS AND MAINT		Classification: S	ATISFACTORY	Rating	: 6.25	
Complexity Points:	4		Repeat Violator:	NO			
CH Group:	14 - Other		•				
Location:	Located at the tributary of Clear Creek on Battalion Drive east of Wichita Drive in Fort Hood, Bell County, Texas						
TCEQ Region:	REGION 09 - WACO						
ID Number(s): AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS F	REGISTRATION 54052						
Compliance History Period	d: September 01, 2010	to August 31, 201	5 Rating Year:	2015 R a	iting Date:	09/01/2015	
Date Compliance History	Report Prepared:	September 30, 20	015	100000000000000000000000000000000000000		**************************************	
Agency Decision Requirin	g Compliance History	: Enforceme	nt				
Component Period Select	ed: September 30, 2	010 to September 3	30, 2015				
TCEQ Staff Member to Coi	ntact for Additional I	nformation Reg	arding This Compli	ance History.			

Site and Owner/Operator History:

1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period?

YES

Phone: (512) 239-2520

2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period?

NO

3) If **YES** for #2, who is the current owner/operator?

N/A

4) If **YES** for #2, who was/were the prior

Name: Herbert Darling

N/A

owner(s)/operator(s)?

5) If YES, when did the change(s) in owner or operator

N/A

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Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

Effective Date: 03/19/2011

ADMINORDER 2010-1558-WQ-E (Findings Order-Agreed Order Without Denial)

Classification: Major

2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)(1)

Description: Failure by the permittee to prevent the discharge of wastewater into or adjacent to water in the state without

authorization from the Commission.

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

N/A

E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

N/A

F. Environmental audits:

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

N/A

J. Early compliance:

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§ .	
CONCERNING	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
AMERICAN WATER OPERATIONS	§	
AND MAINTENANCE, INC.	§	
RN105671531	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2015-0606-WQ-E

At its ______ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding American Water Operations and Maintenance, Inc. ("Respondent") under the authority of Tex. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent presented this agreement to the Commission.

The Respondent understands that it has certain procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including, but not limited to, the right to formal notice of violations, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Agreed Order, the Respondent agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated settlement of the parties. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Agreed Order are binding upon the Respondent.

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

American Water Operations and Maintenance, Inc. DOCKET NO. 2015-0606-WQ-E Page 2

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Respondent owns and operates a wastewater collection system with an associated manhole located at the tributary of Clear Creek on Battalion Drive east of Wichita Drive in Fort Hood, Bell County, Texas (the "Site").
- 2. The Respondent has discharged municipal waste into or adjacent to any water in the state under Tex. Water Code ch. 26.
- 3. During an investigation conducted on July 29, 2014, TCEQ staff documented that the bands securing a tapping saddle for an air release valve on a 14 inch force main failed, which resulted in an unauthorized discharge from a manhole of approximately 80,000 gallons of untreated wastewater into an unnamed tributary of Clear Creek on July 29, 2014, resulting in a fish kill of approximately 164 fish.
- 4. The Respondent received notice of the violations on November 25, 2014.
- 5. The Executive Director recognizes that by July 30, 2014, the Respondent submitted documentation verifying wastewater that was removed from the creek was properly disposed of; wastewater solids were vacuumed from the Site, affected areas were disinfected by spraying a bleach solution; and the broken tapping saddle was replaced with a full circle clamp.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26 and the rules of the Commission.
- 2. As evidenced by Findings of Fact No. 3, the Respondent failed to prevent the unauthorized discharge of sewage into or adjacent to water in the state, in violation of Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1).
- 3. Pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 7.051, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the Respondent for violations of the Texas Water Code and the Texas Health and Safety Code within the Commission's jurisdiction; for violations of rules adopted under such statutes; or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
- 4. An administrative penalty in the amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) is justified by the facts recited in this Agreed Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in Tex. WATER CODE § 7.053. The Respondent has paid the Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$7,500) administrative penalty.

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III. ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. The Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) as set forth in Section II, Paragraph 4 above, for violations of TCEQ rules and state statutes. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order completely resolve the violations set forth by this Agreed Order in this action. However, the Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for other violations that are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: American Water Operations and Maintenance, Inc., Docket No. 2015-0606-WQ-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Site operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
- 3. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to the Respondent if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
- 4. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
- 5. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
- 6. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and

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may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under Tex. Bus. Org. Code § 1.002.

7. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission	Date
For the Executive Director	7/8/16 Date
I, the undersigned, have read and understand the atta agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the en do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein accepting payment for the penalty amount, is material	tity indicated below my signature, and I . I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in
 I also understand that failure to comply with the Order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may A negative impact on compliance history; Greater scrutiny of any permit applications sul Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Gradditional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to additional penalties in any future enforcement Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Orand TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law 	result in: pmitted; Office for contempt, injunctive relief, o a collection agency; actions; ffice of any future enforcement actions;
In addition, any falsification of any compliance docum	
Signature Signature	Z / I D / I 5 Date
Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of American Water Operations and Maintenance, Inc.	VICE PRESCOENT Title

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Section III, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.